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#### MESSAGE:

NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING METHODS AND SYSTEMS (as amended)  
Application No. 09/888,699  
Examiner M. Bell  
Art Unit 2121

Petition and Fee for Extension of Time  
Amendment Transmittal  
Amendment After Final

CH920000036US1  
(590.060)

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Amendment TransmittalAtty. Docket No. CH920000036US1  
(590.060)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Bergan et al.  
Serial No. : 09/888,699 Examiner : M. Bell  
Filed : June 24, 2001 Group Art Unit : 2121  
For : NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING METHODS AND SYSTEMS  
(as amended)

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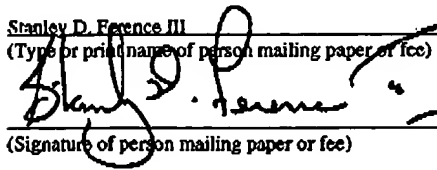
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. ☒ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- OR
2. ☐ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted on (703) 872-9306 on January 3, 2005 to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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*Amendment Transmittal*

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5. ☐ Also enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ No additional filing fee is required.
7. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Present Extra (Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY				OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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Ind. Claims	4	*** 4	= *	x	\$100	=	O	x	\$200	= 0
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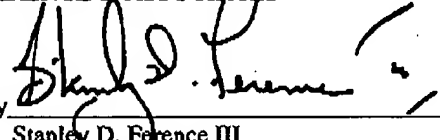
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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
9. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$\_\_\_\_\_ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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 By   
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EXAMINING GROUP 2121**

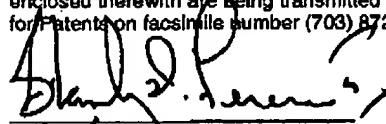
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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January 3, 2005  
Date of Signature

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.